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For: HANDLING METHOD OF BODY FLUID SAMPLE AND ANALYSIS
APPARATUS USING THE SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a one-month Extension of Time, to and including October 24, 2004, be granted in which to respond to the Office Action dated June 24, 2004 in the above-identified application.

Our Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$110.00 is attached in payment of the appropriate fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

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